

Senate Government Operations Committee Amd. No. 4

Amendment No. 5 to SB3107

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by inserting the following language in Section 71-3-502(j)(2)(A) of the amendatory language of Section 3 immediately after the first sentence of such item:

Such guidelines and benchmarks shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (i) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for administrative salaries and benefits, including the salaries of officers, directors and highly compensated individuals;
- (ii) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for overhead and/or indirect expenses;
- (iii) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for salaries and benefits for persons primarily engaged in direct care activities;
- (iv) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for the direct provision of food services and meals, identifying the share of such expenses used for purchase of foodstuffs;
- (v) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for training and professional development of direct caregivers;
- (vi) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for utilities, rent, maintenance and upkeep of the facility and related physical assets; and
- (vii) the total funds expended and the share of total expenses used for contracted professional or consulting services.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language in Section 71-3-502(j) of the amendatory language of Section 3 as a new subdivision (4):

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(4) In addition to other provisions of this chapter and subject to the availability of funds, the department, or agents acting on its behalf, shall periodically visit childcare facilities that receive subsidy payments for the purpose of assessing and verifying attendance of children for whom subsidies are provided. Such visits shall also include a limited review of attendance and other records as may be necessary to determine that the child care facility is operating in a manner consistent with the rules and regulations of the department and any other conditions under which the center is entitled to subsidy payments. The department may perform the visits and reviews required by this subsection using licensing counselors or other department employees, through contracts for monitoring with the department of finance administration or by such other means that the commissioner shall determine.

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the following language immediately after subitem (ii) in Section 71-3-502(j)(2)(B) of the amendatory language of Section 3 as a new subitem (iii) and by redesignating subsequent sub-items accordingly:

(iii) Annually, beginning, January 1, 2001, each child care agency licensed pursuant to this part receiving five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more annually in subsidy payments for child care shall be audited by the comptroller of the treasury.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language in Section 71-3-502(j)(2) of the amendatory language of Section 3 as a new subitem (D):

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(D) Any such audits performed under this act shall be designed to determine whether state and federal subsidy payments are efficiently spent for purposes directly related to provision of quality child care.